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**SUMMARY JURISDICTION.** FOREIGN ATTACHMENT. Suit No. 445 of 1897.

Plaintiffs—WING YUEN & CO. Defendants—P. and A. COLLINS.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that a Writ of Foreign Attachment returnable on the 20th day of May, 1897, against all the property moveable or immovable of the above-named Defendants within the Colony of Hongkong has been issued in this Court pursuant to the provisions of Section LXXIII. of the "Hongkong Code of Civil Procedure."

Dated this 4th day of May, 1897.

HO WYSON, Plaintiff's Solicitor.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to sell by **PUBLIC AUCTION** on WEDNESDAY, the 13th May, 1897, at Noon, at H. M. Naval Yard, SUNDRIES, NAILS, AND VICTUALING CONDENSED COBLES, Comprising:—

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1897. [1098]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1897. [1096]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1897. [5]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1897. [7]

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [921]

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Hongkong, 6th March, 1896. [677]

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1897. [1094]

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Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1060]

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Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1070]

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**The Daily Press.**

HONGKONG, MAY 6th, 1897.

A SHORT time ago Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C.,  
 gave a lecture to the Old Voluntary Society  
 on the theory of British advocacy. The  
 Chief Justice, who presided on the occasion  
 referred to it in introducing the lecturer, and  
 speaking of the subject of the lecture, said  
 that he knew of no subject on which greater  
 ignorance prevailed amongst educated men.

That remark must have been made under  
 some misapprehension as to the scope of the  
 lecture, for we venture to say very little  
 ignorance prevails as to the theory of  
 British advocacy, and in Mr. FRANCIS's  
 lecture, interesting as it was, there was  
 nothing that could have struck an ordinarily  
 educated and well informed man as strange  
 or new. What Sir JOHN CARRINGTON  
 had in mind when he referred to it was  
 the prevailing ignorance upon it was probably  
 the law of evidence, and in respect of  
 that there is no doubt an abundance of  
 ignorance, as there necessarily must be  
 in respect of any branch of learning  
 which is founded in whole or in part on  
 empiricism and in which common sense and  
 logic cannot be taken as reliable guides.

The gist of Mr. FRANCIS's remarks on the  
 theory of advocacy was that it was an ad-  
 vocate's duty to do the best he could for his  
 client and that he was not called upon to  
 decide for himself upon his client's inno-  
 cence or guilt, that being the function of  
 the jury. The position is perfectly reason-  
 able, and though Mr. FRANCIS himself has  
 saved the neck of more than one murder-  
 er by his skillful management of their  
 defence no one would think of blaming him  
 for it. The blame should fall rather on the  
 absurd rules of evidence which render such  
 miscarriages of justice possible and which in  
 some respects seem framed expressly for the  
 purpose of bringing them about. A few  
 direct questions addressed to the prisoner  
 would frequently result in bringing his  
 guilt clearly into view when the evidence  
 of other parties falls short of that point.

British law, however, as it stands at present,  
 says that the prisoner must not be ques-  
 tioned and that even if he wishes to make  
 a confession he may be warned that it  
 would be better for him not to do so. This

is not the principle followed in the home  
 or the school or the private affairs of life,  
 the general rule followed there being that  
 which a fault has been committed  
 the offender should be encouraged to make  
 a clean breast of it. Nor is it the rule  
 followed in some other countries which  
 seems a more sensible proceeding than  
 trying to get him off by inducing him  
 to keep his mouth shut. A blot on the  
 French law is, however, that the pre-  
 liminary examinations are conducted in  
 secret, the prisoner being thus deprived of  
 the guarantee of fair play which publicity  
 affords. This blot is now in a fair way  
 of being removed, a resolution having  
 been passed in the Senate the other  
 day by an overwhelming majority in favour  
 of the abolition of secrecy in the preliminary  
 proceedings in criminal cases.

In England also a change of the law is  
 pending. A recent telegram to the Austral-  
 ian papers states that the Criminal Law  
 Amendment Bill, which enables prisoners to  
 give evidence on their own behalf, had  
 passed its second reading in the House of  
 Commons, and that Sir EDWARD CLARKE  
 in supporting the measure said it would be  
 the means of removing the last remaining  
 relics of barbarism. The Bill, it will be  
 observed, is only permissive, enabling a  
 prisoner to give evidence in his own behalf  
 if he so desire; but if he elects not to  
 give evidence that fact can hardly fail  
 to tell against him in the minds of the  
 jury. If he does so elect he will of course  
 be subjected to cross-examination. In either  
 case, as it seems to us, the result will be  
 to facilitate the arrival at a correct  
 verdict. In some instances—these ex-  
 ceptionally rare cases in which an in-  
 nocent man finds himself in the dock—  
 the opportunity of giving evidence will  
 be in the prisoner's favour, but in the great  
 majority it will tell against him and make  
 the law more of a terror to evil-doers than  
 it now is. Advocates when addressing a  
 jury for the defence frequently expatiate  
 upon the disadvantage at which the pris-  
 oner is placed by reason of his mouth  
 being closed, and no doubt this sometimes  
 weighs with juries; it is, in fact, often the  
 trump card of a weak case. If the proposed  
 alteration in the law is effected this plea  
 will be no longer available, as prisoners who  
 desire to give evidence in their own behalf  
 will be enabled to do so. In the recent  
 murder case in Hongkong in which a  
 woman had her throat cut, the body being  
 afterwards packed up in a trunk, it would  
 certainly have been conducive to the ends  
 of justice if the husband, who was accused of  
 the crime, had been allowed to state what  
 he knew of the case, or, in the event of his  
 refusing to do so, that the jury should  
 have been allowed to draw the reasonable  
 inference from such refusal. But in that  
 case the absurdity of the present law  
 carried to its utmost extreme, the Chief  
 Justice passing an implied censure upon a  
 police officer for even asking the prisoner  
 his name. That is a thing that is done in  
 all cases and the only alternative is to  
 brand accused persons in some way and  
 identify them by marks like cattle. It  
 seems more reasonable that they should be  
 identified by their names. The rule laid  
 down by the Chief Justice, if it be good  
 law, is also excessively absurd.

The Sanitary Board meets this afternoon at a  
 quarter-past four.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer *Giulia* left  
 Kobe for this port yesterday morning.

The N. P. steamer *Victoria* sailed from  
 the coast on the 1st inst. for Hongkong via Japan  
 ports.

The steamer *Ulysses*, from Calcutta and  
 Sumatra, left Singapore for this port on Monday  
 the 3rd inst. at 5 a.m.

The M. S. steamer *Natal*, with the next  
 French mail, left Singapore yesterday morning at  
 6 o'clock for this port.

The C. P. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived  
 at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, the 4th May, and  
 left again at midnight of the same day for  
 Nagasaki.

Mr. Messrs. John D. Humphreys & Son, General  
 Managers of Olvera Freehold Mines, Limited,  
 inform us that they have received the following  
 telegram from the Mines—"The Barro Colorado  
 Mine has been discovered on the 15th of May 1897  
 and the developments of the Mine have  
 justified the expectations which have been  
 formed."

A Chinese girl not more than eleven years  
 of age has been brought before the  
 magistrate at Singapore on a charge of at-  
 tempting suicide by cutting her throat. The  
 child has been in hospital. The police officer  
 who brought her before the magistrate pos-  
 sessed the girl in some arrangement could  
 not be made to send the girl to the "Home"  
 for Chinese girls.

The Straits Times says—Mr. Bibby is  
 expected to arrive shortly with the gold that  
 may result from the recent "clean-up." From  
 Singapore he probably goes to London just in  
 time to see the diamond jubilee. Mr. Bibby  
 is a very long spell of work, but no doubt  
 it may be arranged that while in London he  
 shall look into the question of electric and  
 mining plant for Rand.

This afternoon the final in the lawn tennis  
 Championship will be played on the Cricket  
 Ground, the competitors being Mr. Gibson and  
 Lieut. Farrer, R.N. By the kindness of Colonel  
 Gordon and the Officers of the West Yorkshire  
 Regiment, their band will play upon the  
 ground during the afternoon. His Excellency  
 the Governor has kindly consented to pre-  
 side over the match, and to present the  
 prize to the winner at the termination of  
 the game. Play commences at 4.15. The fol-  
 lowing is the Band programme—

March—"Diamond Jubilee"..... One Tune  
 Overture—"The Merry Widow"..... One  
 Three—"The Merry Widow"..... Three  
 Waltzes—"The Merry Widow"..... Three  
 Song—"The Merry Widow"..... One  
 Selection—"The Merry Widow"..... One

God save the Queen.

The Hon. F. A. Cooper leaves to-day by the  
*Mizore* to take up his new appointment of  
 Director of Public Works in Ceylon. He  
 is a man in whom Mr. Cooper is highly re-  
 spected, and he is a man who has been  
 known to his colleagues in the City Hall, and  
 his colleagues on the Sanitary Board, including  
 the late Mr. Cooper, as a man of high  
 character and high ability. The community  
 generally have not yet become thoroughly  
 reconciled to the new drainage system intro-  
 duced by Mr. Cooper, and the fact that he  
 has left some of his colleagues, but the value  
 of his work in becoming increasingly recognized.  
 The Hon. Director of Public Works in Ceylon  
 has secured an official of ability and energy.

A Court of Enquiry was to assemble at Sin-  
 gapore on the 30th April, for the purpose of  
 reporting on the damage sustained by the  
*Macdonald* of the *British* Brigade, which  
 was wrecked on the 15th of April, and the  
 loss of the ship and its cargo. The court  
 was composed of the following members:—  
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passengers, will be despatched from this

office on THURSDAY, the 6th inst., at

Noon, taking Passengers and

Cargo for London, via Cape of Good

Hope, and other ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent,

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1897. [1]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE,

AND NAGASAKI.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA).

THE Company's Steamship

"HOLZENTERN,"

Captain H. Blocker, will leave for the above

ports TO-DAY (THURSDAY), the 6th inst.,

at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [7]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LOONGMOON,"

Captain P. Schult, will be despatched for the

above ports TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [1079]

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"WALLY,"

Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the

above ports TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer has superior accommodation for

First and Second Class Passengers and

carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1078]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

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THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIANG,"

Captain Oncliff, will be despatched for the

above ports TO-DAY, the 6th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1040]

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR VLADIVOSTOK, VIA SHANG-

HAI, CHEFOO, AND NAGASAKI.

THE Steamship

"DAPHNE,"

Captain J. Samuelson, will be despatched for the

above ports TO-MORROW, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m.

Superior Accommodation for First and

Second Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1084]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FRIZ BRINICH,"

Captain O. Oppers, will leave for the above

ports TO-MORROW, the 7th inst., at Noon.

The steamer will start after loading direct

from No. 1 dock at Kowloon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [7]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

HONGKONG-VLADIVOSTOK LINE.

(MONTHLY SERVICE).

FOR VLADIVOSTOK,

VIA SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, CHAMULPO,

NAGASAKI, FUSAT, AND GENSAN.

THE Company's Steamship

"SAGAMI MARU,"

Captain N. Ono, will be despatched as above

TO-MORROW, the 7th inst., at 4 p.m.

This steamer is fitted with excellent accom-

modation for First and Second Class Passen-

gers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [1019]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,

LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"

Captain Frampton, will be despatched as above

on SATURDAY, the 8th inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD &amp; SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1038]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-

GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND

USUAL PORTS OF CALL.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for Glasgow,

Liverpool, Continental Ports, River Plate, &amp;c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KINTUCK,"

O. de la Perelle, Commander, will be despatched

as above on MONDAY, the 10th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [1033]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

(MONTHLY SERVICE.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT).

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 100 A. British Ship

"CLAN MACKENZIE,"

Captain Tait, will be despatched from Shang-

hai, on THURSDAY, the 10th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [1063]

## VESSELS ON THE BERTH

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, VIA

Kobe and Yokohama.

(Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of

Lading issued for the principal cities of the

United States, Canada, and Europe, in

connection with the Great Northern Railway

and Atlantic Steamers.)

THE Company's Steamship

"HIROSHIMA MARU,"

Captain G. Shimadzu, will be despatched for

the above ports on SATURDAY, the 8th

inst., at DAYLIGHT, instead of as previously

advertised, connecting at Kobe with the

Company's Steamship "YAMAGUCHI MARU,"

Captain Hara, which will take on the Cargo

and Passengers for Seattle and Points beyond.

Consular Licenses of Goods for the United

States should be in QUADRUPLET, and one

Copy must be mailed by the steamer to the

Pacific Agent, Great Northern Railway,

Seattle, Wash.

This departure cancels the previously ad-

vertised sailing of the Company's Steamship

"SEIKO MARU,"

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [1061]

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVI-

GATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC

STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong 1897.

(Subject to Alterations.)

MONMOUTHSHIRE, Saturday, 14th May.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED

STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship

"MONMOUTHSHIRE,"

will be despatched from VICTORIA, B.C.,

for PORTLAND, OREGON, via

Kobe and Yokohama, on SATUR-

DAY, the 15th inst.

Consular Licenses of Goods for United States

Ports should be in QUADRUPLET, and one

Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to

the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,

Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland,

Oregon.

For further information as to Passages and

Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1897. [1032]

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong.

(Subject to Alterations.)

CITY OF TOKYO, Thursday, May

8, at Noon, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe,

Yokohama, and Honoluh.

CITY OF Peking, via Shanghai, Nagasaki,

Kobe, and Honoluh, Tuesday, June 8,

at Noon.

CITY OF OCHIAI, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe,

Yokohama, and Honoluh, Saturday, June 26,

at Noon.

The U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF RIO

DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for

SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI,

Kobe, INLAND SEA, and YOKOHAMA, on

THURSDAY, the 29th

May, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and

Freight for Japan, the United States,

and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-

LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-

LULU, and passengers are allowed to break their

journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-

land, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic

line steamers, and to the principal cities of

the United States or Canada. Rates may be

obtained on application.

Passengers holding orders for OVER-

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